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1. REQUEST YOU SEE UNRWA COMMISSIONER GENERAL RENNIE
SOONEST AND MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A) POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT U.S. MIGHT BE ABLE MAKE
IMMEDIATE SUPPLEMENTAL EMERGENCY CONTRIBUTION TO UNRWA OF
ABOUT 4 MILLION DOLLARS. HOWEVER, TO MEET LEGISLATIVE
REQUIREMENTS CONCERNED WITH THE PARTICULAR SOURCE OF
FUNDING, IT WOULD BE NECESARY FOR UNWRA TO ETABLISH A
NEW SPECIAL UNR A UND-TO MEET EMERGENCY RESULTING FROM
OCTOBER WAR AND ITS AFTERMATH. THIS COULD, FOR EXAMPLE,
INCLUDE EFFECTS OF INCREASED MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR
REQUIREMENTS, INFLATION, FOOD SHORTAGES AND OTHER ESSENTIAL
COST OF LIVING INCREASES RESULTING FROM OCTOBER WAR.

B) BASED ON OUR KNOWLEDGE OF PAST UNRWA PRACTICE,
ESTABLISHING SUCH FUND SHOULD NOT POSE DIFFICULTIES FOR
UNRWA. HOWEVER, WOULD LIKE RENNIE'S EARLIEST POSSIBLE
CONFIRMATION THAT IF U.S. PREPARED TO MAKE SUCH
EMERGENCY CONTRIBUTION, HE WOULD ESTABLISH SPECIAL FUND
FOR THIS PURPOSE. OF COURSE, CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHERS
WOULD BE WELCOME BUT NOT ESSENTIAL (ONLY DIFFERENCE IS
THAT IF U.S. SOLE CONTRIBUTOR, THEN FUND IS SUBJECT TO
GAO AUDIT).

2. WOULD ASSUME AVAILABILITY OF SUCH CONTRIBUTION
BEFORE JULY 1 WOULD PERMIT RENNIE TO CANCEL OR DEFER
ANY RATION CUTS.

3. PLEASE ADVISE RESULTS YOUR CONVERSATION SOONEST. SISCO

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